

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been great fun, with several trips and visits taking place as well as an enormous amount of learning. It is World Teachers Day today - so thank you to all of our wonderful teachers - and thank you also to FROGS for the cakes that you sent in today. I know they were appreciated.

Our year 5 children went off to Hampton Court on Wednesday, which was great fun but also inspiring for our pupils. They learned about Henry's wives, saw a replica of his crown and much more. I know that this visit will inspire them for weeks to come, and as well as giving them a deeper understanding of this historical topic, they will also be able to achieve some wonderful writing after having this experience.

Thank you also to all of the parents who attended my parent forums today. Your contributions to our School Development Plan are incredibly valuable, and I look forward to sharing with you exactly how your suggestions and ideas have fed into our plan for school improvement.

I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate our fantastic SATS results from last year, which have recently been validated:

Subject	Grovelands 2018	National 2018	Av. Good school
Reading	82%	75.2%	73.3%
Writing	79%	78%	75%
Maths	82%	75%	72%
SPAG	86%	77%	74%

I am sure you will agree that these results represent a huge achievement for our staff and children and we know how hard they worked to achieve them. We have set a high benchmark for future years to aspire to. Congratulations to the year 6 team but also to all staff that have taught those children over the years.

I would also like to apologise for the late cancellation of our Year 4 Mini Olympics that was due to take place at Cleves. We had some last minute issues with transport to Cleves and it wasn't possible to find an alternative method. The children had a fantastic time completing a mini-Olympics at Grovelands and they will have another opportunity to go to Cleves in January.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Daniel Tuck

Attendance Matters

If your child is unable to attend school, you must phone the school office before 09.30am on the day of the absence. If no message is left in the office, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 per parent if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 per parent if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act

Dates for your Diary

- 10 Oct Sibling Photos
YR6 Residential meeting 3pm & 6pm
- 11 Oct Individual Photos
- 16 Oct Parents Evening (3.30-5.30)
- 18 Oct Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
- 18 Oct Parents Evening (4.00-7.00)
- 19 Oct **Inset Day**
- 22 Oct Half Term Week
- 29 Oct YR3 Hobgoblin Theatre Visit
- 31 Oct YRs 2 & 3 Performance Drama Workshop
- 1 Nov YRs 1, 2 & 3 Halloween Disco (4.30—5.30)
- 1 Nov YRs 4, 5 & 6 Halloween Disco (6.00—7.00)
- 2 Nov Nursery & Reception Halloween Party (3.15—4.00)
- 6 Nov Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
- 21 Nov Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
- 1 Dec FROGS Christmas Fair (4.00—6.00)
- 5 Dec Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
- 11 Dec YR2 Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
- 12 Dec YR1 Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
- 13 Dec Reception Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
- 14 Dec Nursery Christmas Performance (9.00 / 2.00)
- 17 Dec YRs 3 & 4 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
- 18 Dec YRs 5 & 6 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
- 19 Dec **END OF TERM (2.00)**

Inset Days 15 February 2019
 23 April 2019
 3 June 2019

N.B. Please note dates are subject to change.

Early Years = Nursery & Reception
 KS1 = Years 1 & 2
 KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5, 6

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please pay dinner money in advance every Monday or, alternatively, you can pay half termly using our online payment facility. Should you require log-in details for online payments, please speak to the main office. The cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day.

Please notify the office of any changes to school meal preferences a week in advance in writing. Thank you.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

This week in nursery our learning has been based on the song 'Five Little Ducks'. We have made duck masks and acted out the song in small groups. In maths we have been very busy counting and have played lots of number recognition games.

RECEPTION

This week reception have been painting self portraits. In maths, we have been learning about shapes and have created our very own shape pictures. Phonics sessions started this week and we have learnt s a t and p so far. Be sure to have a go at home using the phonics booklets!

YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 we have been researching and learning about our class animals. We looked at non-fiction texts and discussed their features. We produced lots of fantastic facts that our teachers are proud of! :) In maths we have been learning how to subtract by using practical resources and number lines. In PE we have been creating a dance to the story 'The Rainbow Fish.'

YEAR 2

This week Year Two have been continuing to learn about Captain James Cook. After studying the different features of non-fiction books, we have put all of our knowledge together to write some information booklets, including a contents page, sub-headings and illustrations. They look amazing as we were really careful with our handwriting and spelling, and we even tried to use conjunctions to add detail to our sentences. In science we have continued the boat theme by carrying out an experiment to discover how much cargo it takes to sink a boat.

YEAR 3

In Year 3, the children have been researching into different food groups. They have learnt to pick out the key information and then write simple notes to prepare for their writing next week. In maths, the children have solved addition and subtraction calculations using 2 and 3 digit numbers and have used the column method to solve problems.

YEAR 4

In English, we've been busy writing formal letters to Mrs Chadda and Mrs Coleman, persuading them to extend our lunch time break! We have been challenging ourselves in maths, with 4 digit multiplication and subtraction with exchanges. We researched what life was like as a peasant in 1066 and realised it wasn't very nice! In science, we investigated different materials that could be used to soundproof a music box.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have had an action packed week. This week we researched the different places that Henry VIII lived. We pretended to be tour guides and created different trips on google maps to visit these places. We started building our own Tudor houses; we sketched different views of it, and started modelling it with our junk boxes.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have been working hard to become more proficient in multiplication--seriously, ask any one of us what 7893×45 is! We have also started working on our WW2 reports, which we know will be encyclopaedia- worthy.



A BIG THANK YOU

THE TOTAL RAISED FOR OUR COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE SALE WAS **£505.07** THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT TOWARDS THIS AMAZING CHARITY.

YR5 VISIT HAMPTON COURT

We also had our first year 5 trip to Hampton Court. We had a joyous time, where we spent the day exploring Henry VIII's apartments, kitchens, art galleries, gardens and ate spectacular packed lunches! During our visit we went to the Clore Learning Centre where we did some role playing. We had to play different characters to demonstrate Henry's life - we had a blast - who knew we had so many fine actors and actresses among us!



Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96%	98.6%	97.3%	95.6%	97.3%	97.5%	92.8%

Well done to **Year 1** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Penguins** for the best class attendance **99.7%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
N/A	97.8%	96.2%	97%	96.3%	97.3%	95.4%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **96.7%** - Target: **96%**

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Flamingos	Riley	Olivia	Charlie
Penguins	Zach	Emma	Orson
Swans	Caris	Daragh	Scarlet
Dolphins	Alena	Oliver	Olivia
Seals	Veronika	Hope	Lily-Rose
Giraffes	Rosemary	Rosie D	Belal
Zebras	Damien	Sammy	Anusha
Jaguars	Fred	Sebastian	Scarlett
Leopards	Rayan	Yosef	Dorka
Panthers	Whole Class	James	Caidon
Eagles	Whole Class	Laszlo	Jessica
Kestrels	Whole Class	Kitty	Gianluca
Cobras	Aidan C	Ikram	Chloe
Pythons	Joshua	Harvey	Faye / Naomi Ollie F / Jake



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